

# IRMA TIMES

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## Gas Struck.

Last Friday the drillers at the Viking Battle Creek Oil Well struck another flow of gas. As far as we can find out no signs of Oil have been found and there seems to be some question as to whether it will be possible to get the present hole down deep enough to strike the oil sand. We understand the drill is down a little over 1800 feet with six inch casing. Had this been 8 or 10 inch casing there would be a good chance of shutting the gas off and putting the six inch casing in to continue the hole. However if the Company stay with the drilling there still may be some good prospects of finding oil in the Irma District.

## Sunday Services.

1.30 Preaching at Sunny Brea  
3.30 " at Alma Mater  
7.30 " at Irma

## Sunday School

Irma 11 a.m.  
Roseberry 2.00  
Alma Mater 2.30 pm  
Sunny Brea 2.30

This Sunday is Leap Year Sunday, a special gift from God. Everybody come to church.  
C. G. Hockin, pastor.

Tuesday morning Mrs. J. Ralph passed away at her home a mile west of Zoldavara post office. Mrs. Ralph had took sick about a week ago with a cold which turned into pneumonia from which she died. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph came here about six years ago from Minnesota and have been living on their homestead since coming here. Besides her husband she leaves four small children to mourn her loss. Mr. Ralph is at present confined to the house but we hope he will be around shortly. We join with their many friends in extending our sympathy to the father and children in their sad bereavement. Funeral service was held at Irma Thursday afternoon.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the timely assistance and the many expressions of sympathy rendered us during our recent bereavement.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Lybarger.

## Nominations.

Last Friday nominations were held at the Municipal Office for Councilmen for the Municipality of Battle River. Quite a number of ratepayers assembled and talked over conditions in the municipality. Rural Hospital seemed to be a live topic and we hope that the new council will do something to start a movement for this worthy cause. The new council will be composed of practically new men although several have held seats on the council in former years the following were nominated.

Div. 1, L. L. Howes and Wm. Santele, retiring councilman Wm. Santele.

Div. 2, C. T. Hill, retiring councilman, Jas. Donohue

Div. 3, J. A. McDonald, retiring councilman R. D. Smallwood.

Div. 4, A. A. Fischer, retiring councilman E. T. McDowell.

Div. 5, Wm. Steele, Jr., retiring councilman J. H. Lennen.

Div. 6, Chas. Eggar, retiring councilman R. Goulding.

The latter two were returned men. Div. 1 is the only division that will need an election. With this list of councilmen the ratepayers should have a good council, but no council can look after their district without the co-operation of the ratepayers and we believe it is the duty of every ratepayer to assist his representative on the council in every way possible. We think all these men will appreciate suggestions from the ratepayers and will do all they can to help the district.

## Public Notice.

All ratepayers requiring seed grain from the Municipal District of Battle River No. 428 are requested to present an Abstract of Title of the land with application and also consent of the registered owner of the land.

R. J. TATE,  
1-3 Secy-Treas.

The local stores are receiving their supply of seeds. Those wanting seeds for early planting will do well to secure them while the varieties are all in stock.

## Hospital Discussed.

A meeting of the combined executives of the UFA and UFWA was held in the Co-op hall on Saturday afternoon. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the hospital situation and to get in line with the action of the municipality looking to the establishment of a hospital in our district. Mr. Coulman of the Orbindale UFA was able to give some interesting facts in connection with the Manville hospital and helped to make the meeting interesting. A committee was appointed to act with those appointed at a meeting of the ratepayers on nomination day. It is possible to get a hospital along lines of the provincial municipal hospital act. It is the aim of this committee to work to that end but if not the cost and other steps necessary to getting hospital accommodation are to be taken up so that we may be able to know what to aim for.

## U. F. A.

The regular monthly meeting will be held in the Co-op Hall on Saturday afternoon March 6th at 2 o'clock. There is much important business to be dealt with.

## NOTICE

All members of the UFA interested in getting wire, posts, gopher-poison or seed grain through the UFA kindly notify the Commercial Committee or the Secretary before the next meeting on March 6th.  
C. G. Hockin, Secy. UFA.

## Death of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thoms at Sedgewick

The dreaded influenza epidemic claimed two victims at Sedgewick recently when Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thoms passed away. The wife preceded the husband by a week. They were a young couple and had resided in Sedgewick for several years. They were married in June, 1916. Mr. Thoms was engaged in the meat business in Sedgewick. Mrs. Thoms was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lybarger, south of Irma, and deep sympathy is felt in the entire district in the untimely death of their daughter and son-in-law.

## Newsy Items.

Mr. Willard Edwards went the week end in Irma.

Mr. J. D. McMillan paid a visit to his brother Angus McMillan Tuesday.

Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. M. K. McLeod last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grayden left Sunday night for a two weeks trip to the coast.

Oh Daddy! McDowell sells Toronto engines; Viking cream separators; Chatham fanning mills and Singer sewing machines.

Mr. J. Mildon returned from Calgary last Saturday. Jack took in the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F. last week.

Education Point School opened Tuesday morning after being closed for about two weeks on account of sickness in the district.

The bright sun the last few days has started the snow going. We hope it will not be long till some of the grass is bare so the cattle will be able to get more feed.

Mr. J. G. Clark left for Edmonton Sunday night. Mr. Clark will take in the Dairy Convention and Live Stock Convention in Edmonton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Watkinson have been spending a few days in Edmonton taking in the Dairy Convention.

The Great West plows are the best. Ask your neighbor or McDowell.

We are pleased to welcome a new arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gunn a boy Feb. 10th. Mr. and Mrs. S. Chappell farm west of town last summer. Mrs. Gunn is at present in the Hospital at Red Deer but is expected home shortly with her son.

Thieves have been paying visits to oat bins in the Orbindale and Zoldavara districts. Several loads of oats have been stolen the last few weeks and a watch is being kept for the culprits.

McDowell stocks repairs for the accommodation of his customers. Buy your implements where you can get service.

Although several cars of feed have arrived the last few days, there still is quite a shortage and several farmers are just beginning to wonder when the snow will go or if they will have to order another car of feed.

McDowell sells the great big steel box M.H. drill. Get your order in now.

Thursday night it was found necessary to fit up a temporary hospital in Irma. Some beds were secured and placed in the building formerly occupied as a pool room. So far only one patient has been brought in and it is hoped no more will have to be moved.

In another column appears the ad of the Imperial Tractor Co. This company is composed of four Beatley brothers all of whom are expert tractor and gasoline engine men. As soon as the weather justifies, one of them will be in Irma to arrange contracts for breaking, plowing and other tractor work. Anyone wishing an estimate on breaking etc., can leave their name and location with H. W. Love or address a letter to the Imperial Tractor Co. Irma, which will be forwarded.

## New Dry Goods In This Week

Prints, Gingham, Towelings, Cottons, Sheetings.

Pillow Cases, Cretonnes, Men's Shirts, Etc.

Ladies we have House Dresses from \$1.70 up. Why

send away for them when you can do better at home

Mens and Womens Rubbers, Prices Right, Mens

Work Shoes below wholesale

## Groceries

Our prices and quality can not be duplicated. We

buy from the best markets. Our system of doing

business is up-to-date and any profits made are left

in the district. Learn to trade here and buy for less

Eggs, and Butter are scarce and the price is high

## The Irma Co-Operative Co. Ltd.

## Irma Meat Market



Solicits the patronage of all the residents of the Irma district. Special prices quoted on Beef by the quarter. Fresh Fish, Fresh Meats, Sausage, Lard, Smoked and Cured Meats always on hand

C. P. Larson,

Irma, Alberta

## Irma Ice Cream Parlor

ICE CREAM, ICE COLD SOFT DRINKS

LUNGHS AT ALL HOURS, FRUITS IN SEASON

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO AUTO PARTIES

Otto Bethge, Proprietor

## Quality Merchandise

### Footwear!

We hope you will bear with us if we mention again those good staple shoes of ours. We cannot help getting enthusiastic when we speak of them. They are such sterling value and Quality. The Hydro City Shoe! Remember we stand behind every pair. If you are looking for a REAL SHOE SAVING, we will point you the way.

### Rubbers!

Heavy Duck Rubbers for Men and Boys.

Light Overs for Men, Women and Children

### Groceries!

We have been complimented several times in the past week on the practical way in which our staple savings are serving our customers. The saving is right in your hand. No waiting for this.

#### APPLES

Just a few cases of those cases of small apples left sound and all wrapped each \$2.95

#### Prunes

90-100 good stuff, 5 lb, \$1

#### Peaches

Peeled Peaches fancy stuff 5 lb \$1.90

#### Baking Powder

Red Rose Brand lb \$2.25

#### Flour

49 lbs for \$3.15

### Spring Saving

We are rather proud of the fine showing of Prints, Galateas, Chambrays, etc. we have here for you this season. Before buying just step in and see what we have already here and new ones coming all the time.

#### CHAMBRAY

In shades of Mauve, Blue, Pink, and Tan. Nice fine quality goods.

#### CHAMBRAY

In shades of Blue and Grey, double extra heavy, specially bought for house dresses, shirts, rompers, etc. Extra Value.

#### GALATEA

Special "Steel Cloth" Galateas in Blue, Brown, Tan, etc. See these! Extra per yd 45c

#### PRINTS

Another new lot of Pottery English Prints at 5c under the market, guaranteed colors and heavy weight per yd 65c

J.C. McFarland & Co. Irma











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Large	20.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 20.00
Medium	15.00 to 20.00	10.00 to 15.00
Small	10.00 to 15.00	5.00 to 10.00
Very Small	5.00 to 10.00	2.50 to 5.00

## WOLF and COYOTE

Heavy Furred, Cased	25.00 to 30.00	20.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 20.00	10.00 to 15.00	5.00 to 10.00	2.50 to 5.00
Spots and Headless	20.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 20.00	10.00 to 15.00	5.00 to 10.00	2.50 to 5.00	1.00 to 2.50

## MUSKRAT

Spring	8.00 to 7.00	6.50 to 5.50	5.00 to 3.75	3.50 to 2.75	3.00 to 2.00
Winter	6.50 to 5.50	5.00 to 4.00	3.50 to 2.75	2.50 to 1.75	2.50 to 1.50

## MINK

Fine, Dark	40.00 to 32.00	28.00 to 22.00	20.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 11.00	10.00 to 8.00
Usual Color	30.00 to 25.00	20.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 13.00	12.00 to 10.00	10.00 to 8.00
Pale	22.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 12.00	12.00 to 10.00	8.00 to 7.00	8.00 to 6.00

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## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF FRANK ROE, late of Irma in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of the above named Frank Roe who died on the 24th day of December 1919 are required to file with the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor on or before the 5th day of April 1920, a full statement in writing duly verified of their claim and of any securities held by them and that after date the executor will distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been so filed or which have been brought to his notice.

Dated this 2nd day of Feb. 1920.

Fieldhouse &amp; Hunter,

Solicitors for the Executor.

Irma, Alberta.

Approved H. C. T. Judge.

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## Notice.

The Irma branch of the G.W.V.A. have opened a Rest and Reading Room in the building formerly occupied by the Irma Development Co., next door to McFarland's store, and wish to make it plain to all the good people of the vicinity that we wish it to be used by ALL the people who have a few moments to spare in town as a place to rest and keep warm, to read and write and visit with the friends they meet in town. There will be a good fire and good reading material. This is free to all, and if you have any literature of interest to the general

## DANCE

every

Wed. Evening

in

Overbo Hall, Kinsella

Best of Music and

Floor

Ladies Please Bring Cake.

Judicial Sale of Farm Property.

PIRSTANT to the Judgement

and Final Order for Sale there will

be offered for sale by Stephen R.

Bowerman, auctioneer at the Post

Office in the Village of Irma, Alberta

on Tuesday the 9th day of

March 1920 at eleven o'clock in the

forenoon.

The North East Quarter of Section

Forty Four (4) in Township Forty

Five (45) in Range Nine (9) West

of the Fourth Meridian in the Province

of Alberta, excepting mines

and minerals and subject to the

reservations and conditions in the

grant from the Crown or in the existing

certificate of Titles.

The Vendor is informed that the

farm is situated four miles from

Irma on the G.T.P. Railway where

there are three elevators, school and

post office.

That the soil is a black loam with

clay subsoil and that portions thereof

are rolling. That about sixty

acres of the land has been broken

but has not been under cultivation

for the past two years. That there

are a dwelling house, barn, well

and some fencing on the lands in

poor repair.

The property will be sold subject

to a reserve bid.

The terms of payment are 10%

cash on the day of sale and the

balance within sixty days thereafter

without interest.

In other respects the standing

conditions of sale of the Supreme

Court of Alberta as approved by the

Master will apply.

Further information may be obtained

from Messrs. Fieldhouse &amp; Hunter,

Solicitors for the Vendor.

Dated this 2nd day of Feb. 1920.

H. C. T. Judge.

Approved: H. C. T. Judge.

## LESSONS FROM

THE SEASON OF 1919

What the Worst Conditions Met in Many Years Taught Regarding Crop Production—By Seager Wheeler

In 1918, on July 23, the last rain fell for that season, and consequently the stubble fields were bone dry in the fall. The snowfall amounted to one foot of loose snow on the average, equal to about one inch of water in the ground. No rain fell in the spring until June 2, when a light shower penetrated the surface for half-an-inch. Two days later, June 5th, this had totally evaporated. On June 10th, a good rain fell, amounting to one-half-inch of water, penetrating the surface soil four inches. This was rapidly used up by the growing crop and was gone in a short period.

On June 26th, about one-quarter of an inch of rain fell. In the interval between June 10th and 26th, we experienced very hot weather, the cherries had ripened, the disabuses, while the ground was made the previous season by summer-fallowing, and the soil was very dry. There was some movement of water, but in a number of places the water was either a partial or total failure, and yielded a very poor crop. High winds and a hot sun in the season and unrelenting the soil cut off what was left of the water.

Conditions on My Own Farm With respect to conditions on my own farm, I may say that I experienced all these handicaps excepting the hot sun and soil drifting. Although I experienced all the hot sun and winds, no part of my farm was ever covered by a single drop of rain. I have never experienced so many handicaps in any single season, and still despite this fact, I have harvested a very satisfactory crop, less than for many years past, but still an excellent crop, considering the very unfavorable season. On my own farm the crop was harvested, temperatures were very high. Just previous to harvest just suddenly appeared and caused considerable damage to the crops. Matters were bad enough, but just as the crop was nicely harvested, rain and showery weather prevailed throughout the crop, and what was out and unthreshed sprouted and grew in the stock and lowered the grade considerably in many parts of the country. The season of 1919 will be remembered as one of the most unfavorable and disappointing in respect to crop production.

Crop estimates early in the season were cut down from time to time, and many were disappointed in the yields that were expected. There was only one redeeming feature, the absence of early frost to damage the crop. To the farmer who depends on the annual rainfall during the growing season. The past season has proven to be one of the most adverse in many years in respect to crop production. I can not recall any single season with so many handicaps over so large an area; drought, heat, winds, rust, insect pests—some in combination or in each other throughout the growing season.

There was lack of moisture in the soil in the fall of 1918, and a scant snowfall throughout the winter season. The spring opened up early and warm, with scant rainfall through the whole growing season. In some districts there was little or no snowfall. Early in the season the weather was warmer than usual, and continued so throughout the summer. High winds and a hot sun continued throughout the growing season. From the middle of June onwards, ranging from 90 to 100 in the shade, each day accompanied by high drying winds. A high shower came on June 10th, but did no more than lay the dust, and was evaporated in a few hours. No more rain came until July 12th, when a shower moistened the surface for half-an-inch. On July 15th, three days later, this was gone. On the 16th the thermometer was standing at 104. No more rain came until the crop was harvested.

The snowfall, from July 23rd, 1918, until this time, was two-and-one-half inches in the immediate vicinity, we had no more than two-and-one-half inches of precipitation in the whole year. The lack of water and fully one-half inch did no appreciable service to the crop. It is a fact that not a single drop was used throughout the whole growing season, until after the crop was harvested.

A more unfavorable season for crop production could not be expected. Had the season been cooler, with less wind, the amount of moisture the fall might crop.

The Yields Secured The following crop yields were obtained under these unfavorable conditions:

Hand-selected seed plots of Red Bobs, Marquis and Kitchener wheat were all seeded side by side. All were seeded on April 18th, as follows: Red Bobs, one-half-acre, Marquis, one-acre, and Kitchener, one-acre. On June 18th, the Red Bobs showed

ed some heads fully out. On June 24th, Marquis showed a few heads. Kitchener, was, apparently, a little later, but showed heavier and ranker growth.

On July 28th, the plot of Red Bobs was harvested fully ripe, with nice, clean, bright straw, without a trace of rust on August 7th. Rust had started in the crop on August 4th and 5th, and had spread very rapidly. The straw of the Marquis was discolored by rust, but the grain was not affected at that time. The Kitchener plot was harvested on August 8th.

The yields from these three plots were as follows:—

Variety	Area of Plot	Bushels
Red Bobs	1-4 acre	11 1-2
Marquis	1-2 acre	14
Kitchener	Slightly under 1/2 acre	12 1/2

Red Bobs ripened ten days earlier than the other wheat—yielding at the rate of 18 bushels per acre higher. The larger multiplying fields were seeded on summer-fallow as follows:—

April 19—Red Bobs, selected strain, 1-4 acre, yielded 12 bushels.

April 22—Marquis, selected seed, 1-4 acre, yielded 12 bushels.

Red Bobs, selected strain, 1-4 acre, yielded 12 bushels.

Marquis was sown on August 7, yielding 15 bushels per acre, and with straw rusted.

Red Bobs, seeded on April 19, was harvested on August 7. Some rust showed on the straw. The yield on a portion of the field was 24 bushels per acre, on the balance, 16 bushels. This was ready to cut on July 23, but had to leave home on that date and did not cut it until I came home again on August 5.

A field of 1918 Bobs wheat, seeded on a stubble land after a fallow crop, yielded shallow the previous fall, and thinned in the spring before seeding. It was seeded on April 29 and cut on May 23. It showed no trace of rust, yielding eight bushels per acre. A one-acre field of Red Bobs seeded on old stubble had broken the previous season was also cut on July 23, yielding 15 bushels per acre. This field, apparently, suffered early in the season from want of moisture. A field of Marquis wheat, seeded on a stubble land after a fallow crop, yielded the previous season, yielded 15 bushels per acre. Kitchener wheat, seeded on summer-fallow, yielded 15 bushels per acre. Victory oats on a stubble seed plot, yielded 50 bushels per acre. A large multiplying field of Marquis was destroyed by cutworms.

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Other crops gave good returns. Special selections of Western Rye grass, seeded the previous season in rows, gave an excellent crop of seed and forage. Also special selections of Bromus grass, seeded in the same manner, gave good returns in seed and growth. Potatoes did well, also one-quarter-of-an-acre of soy beans and one-quarter-of-an-acre of White Navy beans, as well as smaller areas of seven other varieties that all ripened good seed.

A number of head row plots of Red Bobs selections, Kitchener wheat, Marquis and other wheats did exceedingly well. No estimates of yields were taken from these plots.

(To be continued in our next)

## Spring Live Stock Sale.

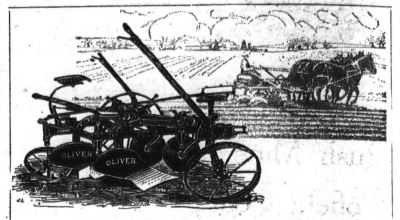
The rules governing the ninth annual auction sale and show of pure-bred bulls, conducted jointly by the Edmonton Exhibition Association and the Alberta Provincial Cattle Breeders' Association have just come to hand. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 30th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. On the Monday previous the bulls will all be judged and any considered unworthy of the privileges of the sale will be rejected. Entries will be accepted for bulls only born after April 1st, 1915, and before June 1st, 1919. As the Dominion Government anticipate purchasing a large number of bulls at this sale, it is expected that buying will be brisk, and Manager Stark states that with this in mind the Committee of Management are prepared to accept a larger number of entries than has hitherto been the case.

This annual sale is held during the week of the Edmonton Spring Live Stock show, March 29th to April 3rd, and the entries close March 1st.

## A Good Seed Bed

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## Good Crop



Oliver Plows are Built by the Largest  
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Tractors, Primrose Cream Separators

Irma

Alberta

Wants, Notices  
Strays, Etc.

STRAYED—Red heifer, yearling  
KF on right hip, rips off both  
ears. W. Jenkins, Jarow.

STRAYED—3 white face cows,  
branded

on left ribs

TE or ET on right ribs

Finder please notify Col Rohrer,  
Stettler, Alta., and expenses will  
be paid.

\$10 REWARD for recovery to Sec.  
1-46-8 for all steers branded JTC  
on left ribs. T. G. Clark

FOR SERVICE Berkshire boar. H.  
Wilson, NW 7-46-8, Irma.

TAKEN UP—under the stray animal  
act, dark iron grey stallion,  
4 or 5 yrs old, no visible brand.  
H. W. Love, Irma, NE 24, 45, 9.

FOR SALE—Green feed at S. E.  
11-16-8, A. Littlechild.

Persons finding cattle branded  
WW on right thigh notify W. A.  
White, Greenshields, Alta. 5tp

Taken under the stray animal  
act: one grey mare, black points,  
weight about 1250 lbs, about 8 yrs  
branded V right hip and same brand  
right shoulder, also one bay mare  
about 4 yrs old wt about 1200 lbs,  
3 white feet, spot in forehead branded  
A left hip and same brand on  
left shoulder. These horses have  
been running east of here for about  
one year and a half, are now on N  
W 25-45-9, if not claimed in due  
course will be sold according to law.  
H. W. Love.

REWARD—Strayed from 2-46-8,  
one mile west of Clark Manor, 1  
large red white cow with Here-  
ford heifer calf also a red steer  
coming 3 yrs old. Cow and steer  
have round earlets in both ears  
branded Z on left ribs and brand  
old brand N on left shoulder  
reward of \$10.00 on each animal  
will be given for information  
leading to recovery. W. M.  
Anderson, bx 874, Irma. 49-2p

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Cattle branded OL on right hip  
are property of H. W. Love,  
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the INSTANT pleasant action of sim-  
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ach or sour stomach. Because Adler's  
lowers it often cures constipation and  
prevents appendicitis. One lady re-  
ports herself cured of a bad case of  
bowel trouble and constipation.

C. A. Bassett, Druggist

## Winter Fire Protection

Winter fires in barns, stables or  
outhouses are unusually caused by  
a few falls of dry sand on hand, dry  
sand will not freeze. In the incipient  
stages of an oil fire, sand will smother  
whereas water will spread it.  
Needles were first made in 1645,  
when the making of ten was a good  
day's work

## Chelsea Buns

Take bread dough that is ready for  
the oven. Roll thin and spread with  
butter (or butter and lard) Sprinkle  
sugar over it. Do this 3 times. After  
the third time, sprinkle coarse cinna-  
mon over dough. Have currants wash-  
ed and dried, and put over the cinna-  
mon quite thick. Cut in strips about  
3-4 inch wide and roll each strip sep-  
arately (make about the size of an or-  
dinary bun). Stand these on end in a  
greased tin. Let stand until very  
light. Then bake.

## Corn Waffles

1 3-4 cupfuls flour  
2 3 cupfuls cooked corn  
1 1-2 cupfuls milk  
2 tablespoons sugar  
4 teaspoonfuls baking powder  
3-4 teaspoonful salt  
1 tablespoonful fat  
1 egg  
Mix the dry ingredients. Add the corn  
(either fermented or dried), then  
add the milk and wellbeaten egg yolk. Add  
the melted fat, and last, the stiffly  
beaten white of the egg; should be  
folded in. Bake in a well-greased  
wafer iron, and serve with honey or  
maple syrup. These are delicious  
served at either breakfast or supper.

## RAISED DOUGH FOR BUNS

1 cupful of milk, scalded and cooled.  
1 cupful of lukewarm water  
1 Tablespoonful of sugar  
1 yeast cake  
1 teaspoonful of salt  
4 Tablespoonfuls of shortening  
6 cupfuls of sifted sugar  
Dissolve the yeast cake and sugar  
in the lukewarm water; add the milk  
in which the shortening has been melt-  
ed, the flour and the salt. Mix well  
and set to rise; it will double in quan-  
tity, taking about three hours; more  
flour will be needed. Put in pans,  
let rise double in bulk and bake.  
This dough can be used as the basis  
for many kinds of fancy breads and  
buns.

## CRANBERRY BUTTER

1-2 cup water  
2 cups sugar (or 2 cups white  
syrup).  
Cook the cranberries and water un-  
til the skins of the fruit are broken;  
then press through a sieve and cook  
this pulp until it is quite thick;  
add the sugar and syrup if you use it,  
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**VIKING**

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Minnie Sheets, one of our most popular young ladies, which took place at Camrose last Sunday at one o'clock P.M. She contracted a severe case of pneumonia and in a few days was beyond what all medical skill and attention could do for her and she passed away. The sad news of her sudden death has cast a shadow over the whole community. The body arrived from Camrose on Tuesday and was conveyed to the Community church by twelve young girl and boy friends. The funeral was held from the church at two o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Jas. A. Wheeler preaching a funeral sermon that touched every heart of the audience that filled the church on this sad occasion. The casket was covered with the most beautiful floral designs, flowers and sprays from the Camrose Normal teaching staff and students, wreaths from the basketball girls and boys, Viking High School, Edith Cavell class, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace, and a pretty rosette of the basketball club colors.

The Bank of Commerce opened for business on Monday in the King Edward hotel annex which has been fitted up for the new branch of the bank here. Mr. R. W. Winfield, of Seamans, Sask. is the present manager, and Mr. E. Hickmott, of Edmonton, accountant. Mr. Hickmott is a returned man and rendered distinguished service as a Lieut. in the Royal Flying Corps in France where he helped "Straff" the Hun via the air route. Mr. Winfield recently opened a branch bank at Seamans and was also the first manager at Loughheed. Both are pleasant gentlemen to meet and will make friends very readily both for the institution they represent and among the business men and people throughout the community and district.

The Bank of Commerce is the second largest in Canada and has over 500 branches spread from coast to coast. Branches are now also being opened in the West Indies and South America. The Bank of Commerce we hear is a "good bank for farmers" and has taken a forward step in all agricultural movements and will always give a sympathetic hearing on farm problems. The bank stands for service and is ready and equipped to give it.

The bank is a decided addition to the business institutions of town and no doubt will be a big factor in the development of the district.

The band resumed practice Monday evening. About half the members showed up, the rest evidently being indisposed on account of the prevailing epidemic. The boys are coming along and will soon be able to try some real music. If the progress continues the band will be able to furnish music this summer.

Curling is practically at a standstill on account of the epidemic. Some of the old-timers chose up sides Monday night and played for the oyster suppers. Slavik, Omen, Lond and McLeod paid for A. Ross, Venner, Cartwright and Adams.

Mrs. W. McAthey received the sad news on Sunday that her sister, Mrs. Geo. Glover, had died at her home at Russell, Man. from pleurisy and complications due to influenza. Mrs. McAthey was going to attend the funeral but received a wire advising her not to come on account of the prevailing conditions.

The funeral of the late J. J. McKill who died on Sunday, February 16th was held at the Viking Community church last Wednesday afternoon. The body arrived on Monday from Edmonton and was taken in charge by the Connaught Lodge A. F. & A. M. of which order the deceased was a member. The lodge members met in the lodge rooms and marched in a body to the church where Rev. Mr. Wheeler preached a very appropriate sermon and read the Masonic funeral ritual. The choir rendered a special selection. The church was filled with sorrowing friends and relatives who came to pay their last respects to the departed.

**Farmers Neglect**

**Profit in Sheep**

Feed now Wasted may be Turned into Mutton and Wool - Small Flocks are Paying Big Line

Sheep should form a part of the live stock carried on the average farm just as well as cattle, horses or swine. Enough unused pasture and roughage go to waste and weeds and weeds go to seed every year in Canada to produce hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of mutton and wool. In 1917, there were 2,165,600 sheep in Canada and in 1911 according to the last census figures there were 2,174,300. This is an enormous decline in the industry, when it is realized that the lesser number in Canada in 1911 were scattered over a much larger area due to the opening up of the west.

An experiment conducted recently by the Live Stock Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture demonstrated that it is profitable to keep sheep on these conditions. Nine small flocks of from nine to twelve ewes per flock were stationed in different parts of the province and for two years an accurate account was kept of feed and other expenses, allowance being made for interest in capital invested. Each flock showed a profit each year averaging about \$26 per flock or an average profit of between \$2. and \$4 per head.

It would seem that, if increased production of wool and mutton is to be brought about, it can best be done by the keeping of more small flocks in the average sized farms of Canada.

There are a number of important points in favor of keeping sheep that will bear emphasizing.

First: Sheep destroy weeds and consume them. They eat weeds of the common weeds and in eating them, grind the seeds so thoroughly that they will satisfactorily as shelters except from snow, wind and rain in Canada, not grow.

Second: Economy of housing and management. Cheap buildings are they are subject to few diseases, and require but little attention except at lambing time, which makes the problem in this enterprise a minor consideration.

Third: A small investment only is necessary to get a start in the new business. Good vigorous grade ewes should be obtained and a pure bred ram used. The ram need not be a show animal, but should be of good size, strong and vigorous.

**The Hulless Oat**

The unsophisticated might argue--What is the advantage of the hulless oat? or the "Seedless orange", as has been asked regarding a thousand other products introduced into the world by the scientist and experimenter, and which have eventually been of great benefit to humanity, either as a matter of economy or utility; and no doubt the hulless oat will come into its own in due course. Its originator is Dr. C. E. Saunders, Edmonton, cerealist for the Dominion of Canada Experimental Farms, and it is believed this variety will prove of great use in some sections of our country, especially for the feeding of young chickens and young pigs, which require concentrated nourishment of not too coarse a character, and is intended as a substitute for mill feeds which are sometimes expensive or even unobtainable. Of the hulless oat, Dr. Saunders says:

"This variety gives a good yield, though the yield (even when reckoned on the basis of kernel only) is not quite equal to that of the most productive varieties which retain their hull. The difference is not great enough, however, to interfere with the value of the hulless variety. It has straw of good length and strength and ripens early. I should not recommend these oats for feeding horses as I fear that lacking the hull it would be too concentrated a food. For human consumption this oat is most desirable. It requires very careful cleaning to make it absolutely free from an occasional hull or a particle of chaff, but when sufficiently purified, oatmeal of surpassing quality can be made by putting this oat through a hand-mill. The Liberty oat was produced by crossing a hulless oat from China with the well-known variety Swedish Select. It is distinctly superior in field characters to the Chinese parent, Mr. R. C. W. Lott, Industrial and Colonization Agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has received a sample of these oats and is so much interested in the possibilities of this new cereal that he is endeavoring to obtain a few samples for trial in the Plateau and Valley Lands of Central British Columbia, which lands he believes would be eminently suited to their production, Pierce, A. 2

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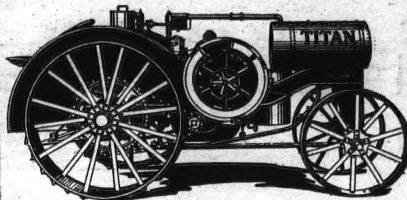
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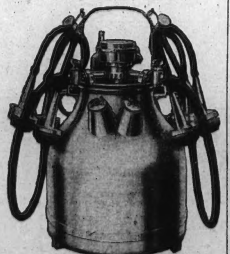
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### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Editor,

During the great war one constantly heard the expression that nothing would be too good for the men who risked everything to hold and secure the liberty we now enjoy. Rumor says that among the applicants for the post of secretary-treasurer to M. D. 424 there are a number of returned men. Of course no true Britisher will oppose him and if their abilities are on a par with other applicants then the contest should be narrowed down to the men who have done so much for us. One will await with interest the result of the council's decision, with the hope that true patriotism will triumph over sentiment and secure this office for a returned man.  
A Returned Man.

The Edmonton Exhibition Association have adopted the system of appointing district representatives in the important towns in northern Alberta, and we are informed that Mr. W. Mason manager of the Merchants Bank Irma, has been named as their representative for the district surrounding this place. Mr. Mason will be kept informed by the Exhibition Association as to the various events which they conduct and will also have on hand literature relating to the annual auction sales shows and exhibitions conducted by them, for distribution to any desiring same. The Edmonton Exhibition management realize the importance of keeping more closely in touch with the leading agriculturists and live stock men in this way, feeling that the coming year will see a vast development in this most important industry.

## Auction Sale of Horses

The Edmonton Exhibition Association and Alberta Provincial Horse Breeders' Association announce the conditions of their third annual auction sale of purebred horses, to be held during the Edmonton Spring Live Stock Show, March 29th to April 3rd. The horse sale will take place on April 1st, and the entries close on March 1st. Manager Stark states that he will mail copy of the regulation and entry forms to any writing for same. The catalogue of sale will be issued as soon as possible after the close, for distribution to prospective purchasers.

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### VIKING

A surprise party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawes on Monday February 16th by friends and neighbors to number of thirty five. The family was taken completely by surprise having retired for the night but they were soon up after the crowd took possession of the house. Social entertainment was the order of the evening. Mrs. Wallace and Miss Essig furnishing music for the dance. Lunch was served at a late hour after which the guests departed after passing an enjoyable evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lawes have resided in this district for fourteen years and their home has been the scene of many social affairs in the neighborhood and are held in high esteem by the entire district.

A meeting was held on Feb. 21, Cde McLeod presiding. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, adopted. The general business of the branch was transacted. The date for the election of officer, was fixed for Saturday, Feb. 28 at Cooke's hall, and it was decided to call a general meeting on that date.

Cde McLeod undertook to notify each member and lay stress on the importance of attending.

A letter from the provincial convention was read, advising that it has been decided on the grounds of the expense, that the branches of Tofield, Holden, Irma, Wainwright, Chauvin and Viking, should be represented by a member selected from the representatives of each of the branches. Cde Dayton was elected to attend the meeting at Irma for the purpose of sending a delegate to the Dominion convention at Ottawa on March 22nd.

The four chief points to be discussed and aimed at, are: 1—a cash re-establishment bonus without strings, 2—political action, 3—extended membership, 4—improvement and quality in pensions and land settlement schemes.

Moved and seconded that sec'y telephone to the sec'y of the Soldiers Settlement Board, asking that the cases of men farming under the Soldier Settlement Board, and who are applying for relief, shall be dealt with, with greater rapidity. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting in Cooke's hall, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28th.

Several carloads of hay and feed arrived Monday and was soon unloaded by farmers who were in great need of it to keep their stock from starving.

W. J. Brickman has returned from Edmonton where he has undergone treatment for a wound in his foot received while in France.

School opened last Wednesday after being closed a week on account of the flu epidemic. The attendance was not up to the high mark but is improving every day. The teachers are all back at their desks.

Jos. Lambert, president of the Viking Agricultural Exhibition and W. McAtthey, secretary are attending the convention of Alberta Fairs Association being held at the Hotel MacDonald, this week.

Mrs. M. Lindsey was down from Edmonton on Sunday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. G. Hoskins went to Camrose Saturday via Killam to the bedside of Minnie Sheets who was reported very low, and passed away Sunday.

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### Notice to Poultry Men.

The local shipper of the Dominion Egg and Poultry Marketing Association has received a shipment of egg cases from the Edmonton office. Anyone wishing to ship eggs can do so by bringing them to W. L. Milford, Jr. at the G.W.V.A. Club Room, Irma.

### Alma Mater Notes.

Our school has been closed for a week on account of the teacher, Miss Young, having a slight touch of tonsillitis.

Cliff Toll has been laid up with lumbago for ten days but we are pleased to see him around again.

J. H., and W. E. Elliott have sold some of their famous Red Polls to R. Hulbert of Edmonton.

Walter Renwick sure makes use of his tractor with plowing in summer, threshing in the fall, and now he has it hooked to a grain crusher.

Jack and Bruce Henderson were visitors in the district last week.

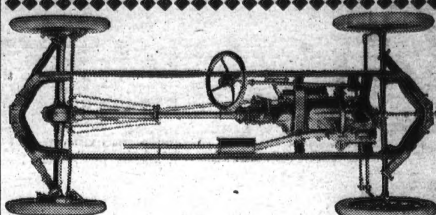
Miss E. Force is indisposed, with a bad cold and sore throat.

Our concert of Feb. 20th is postponed indefinitely on account of the epidemic. Look for later date.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Patterson and son Bill have been under the weather for a few days but are getting along fine now.

The fed proposition does not seem to be as serious in this district as in some, altho bad enough. Most farmers have enough feed to put them through without buying any.

C. A. Toll attended the Fairs convention held in Edmonton this week.



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